

## SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 440

By Finney R.

A RESOLUTION to congratulate Rhonda Jacobs upon being named the 2007 Alcoa Wal-Mart Teacher of the Year.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding teachers who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Rhonda Jacobs is one such estimable educator who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Jacobs was selected as the 2007 Alcoa Wal-Mart Teacher of the Year, an honor most befitting her outstanding tenure as a teacher as it recognizes the positive influence she has had on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, nominated for the award by members of the community, Ms. Jacobs received a certificate, gift card, polo shirt, and \$1,000 check on National Teacher's Day, May 8; she can now be considered for State Teacher of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Jacobs has served with acumen and alacrity for one year as a first grade teacher at Porter Elementary School; she has also taught at Friendsville Elementary and Eagleton Elementary and serves as a children's teacher at First Baptist Church of Maryville; and

WHEREAS, before being inspired to teach, she served as a social worker, police officer, an insurance worker, and a stay-at-home mom; her myriad of personal and professional experiences paved the way for Ms. Jacobs's inspiring ability to nurture the young lives she touches every day; and

WHEREAS, Rhonda Jacobs is most grateful for the love and support she has received from her husband, Doyle, and her children, Madison and Grant; and

WHEREAS, those who know her best describe Ms. Jacobs as a hands-on teacher who will go the last mile for her students; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Jacobs is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who works assiduously to motivate her students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, she truly serves as an inspiration to her colleagues and students alike, and her friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know her; and

WHEREAS, Rhonda Jacobs truly epitomizes the ideal of the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby congratulate Ms. Rhonda Jacobs upon being named as the Wal-Mart Teacher of the Year, commend her for her efforts on behalf of Tennessee's youth, and extend to her our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.